Relief measures for mitigation of drought situation in Maharashtra

2402. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has requested for assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund to take various relief measures for mitigation of drought situation in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to sent assistance and how much amount Government propose to release?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Maharashtra had submitted a memorandum seeking financial assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for the drought experienced by the State in 2005. The High Level Committee (HLC) considered the request of the State Government and after taking into account the report of the Central Team, recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) thereon and norms of assistance under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/NCCF approved an amount of Rs. 174.66 crore for drought relief subject to the adjustment of the funds available in the CRF account of the State. After due adjustment of the funds available in the CRF account of the State for the instant calamity, an amount of Rs. 91.07 crore has been released to the State Government from NCCF on 18.7.2005.

Terrorist attack in border areas of J&K

2403. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is continuous terrorist attack in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the issue of the terrorist infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir border has been taken up by Government of India with Pakistan Government in the recent past; and

(c) if so, what are the reactions of the Government of Pakistan for the